

Programs and Exemptions Available Through the Trumbull Tax Assessor's Office

Please call 203-452-5018 for further details or clarification

BENEFITS AND EXEMPTIONS

(Benefits are reductions to the total tax.

Exemptions are reductions to the gross assessment.)

ELDERLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Application Time: Apply at the Tax Assessor's Office between February 1 – May 15. (The Trumbull Senior Center is available to assist with homeowners who cannot come into our office.)

Qualifications: – Town and state programs are available to homeowners who: 1) are 65 years of age (70 years old for the Town Freeze) at the close of the previous calendar year; 2) have owned and resided in home for one consecutive year prior to application; 3) have income of \$50,000 (2006 income limit) or less for the town program or \$35,300 (2006 income limit) for the state program. (Income limit is based on gross income NOT adjusted gross income. We include tax exempt Social Security, tax exempt interest, etc.)

Benefits: The Town offers a choice of one of three different programs:

- 1) Tax Credit: Tax bill is reduced by a dollar amount based on a sliding scale according to income.
- 2) Tax Deferral: Deferring payment of up to 75% of your tax bill. The deferred amount is interest free and does not need to be repaid until your home is sold or transferred to a new owner.
- 3) Tax Freeze: You will be able to pay the tax amount in effect for the tax year you applied for up to six* years.

*We are currently in Year 1 of this program.

Documentation Required: Signed copy of your income tax return along with 1099's from all sources of income and 1099 from Social Security. (Other documentation may be required.)

VETERAN EXEMPTION

Veterans who served in time of war, or who have served in combat or combat support role for the duration of a campaign lasting less than 90 days, are qualified to apply for a property tax exemption. To apply for that exemption, a veteran must file a DD-214 form (separation papers) with the Town Clerk by September 30. The regular veteran's exemption of \$3,000 off the assessment can be applied to either real estate OR a motor vehicle.

PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED EXEMPTION

Property owners who are permanently and totally disabled and receiving Social Security disability benefits or benefits under a federal, state or local retirement program which contains disability requirements comparable to those of the SSA, may apply to the Tax Assessor's Office prior to October 1 to receive an exemption. Satisfactory proof of total disability must be furnished.

BLIND EXEMPTION

A person who is legally blind and has provided to the Tax Assessor's Office a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner, may apply to the Tax Assessor's Office prior to October 1 to receive an exemption.